desired by the World Bank, a re-revised identification report on the Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Project Stage-II based on 1997-98 prices at an estimated cost of Rs.891 crores has been forwarded to the World Bank on 2.4.98 for consideration. Further comments of the World Bank are awaited. Meanwhile the State Government is pursuing the various clearances required for the project, such as environmental impact assessment, resettlement and rehabilitation plan, etc.

(b) The project can be taken up for execution only after the World Bank loan is approved, for which no definite time can be indicated at present.

(c) The project is likely to take about 8years to complete after it is taken up for execution.

Public Transport in the Urban Areas of NCR

1329. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any financial assistance for the development of various types of public transport in the urban areas of national Capital Region of Delhi during the last three years, so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether any International Institution has proposed to provide financial assistance for the public transport system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (d) Govt. of India has provided financial assistance for the development of Mass Rapid Transit System in Delhi.

The details of financial assistance provided by the Government during the last three years is given below:—

year	Loan for land acquisition	EquityG. Total (Rs. in lakhs)	
1995-96	—	80.00	
1996-97	—	5200.00	
1997-98	5000.00	5000.00	
	5000.00	10280.00	15280.00

For implementation of Delhi MRTS project, Overseas Economic Corporation Fund (OECF) (Japan) has agreed to provide soft loan (@2.3% per annum) covering 56% (Approx.) of the total cost (Rs.4860 crore at April, 1996 prices) of the project. For this purpose, a loan agreement was signed on February 25, 1997. The loan agreement was effectuated in October 21, 1997.

With this, OECF has agreed to provide 14,760 million Japanese Yen as first tranche for implementation of Delhi MRTS project.

Low Cost Housing

1330. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have worked out a scheme for low-cost housing involving participation of NRIs and multi-national companies; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the response received from the NRIs and multi-national companies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present there is no specific scheme for low cost housing involving participation of NRIs and multinational companies. However, there is a scheme